

United States Armed Forces. My fellow Members of Congress, please join me in recognizing Major Ewald and all of the Armed Service members for their continued service to the American people!

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the leaders and residents—past and present—of the City of Rocky River, as they celebrate one hundred years as an established community—from farming hamlet, to village, to the City of Rocky River.

With foresight, vision and planning, the City of Rocky River has remained focused on the welfare of its residents. Community leaders have continuously displayed a sincere dedication to providing the highest level of services for people of all ages in Rocky River—from children, to senior citizens, to civic organizations.

Native Americans inhabited the land that follows the Rocky River north to Lake Erie for centuries before the arrival of permanent settlers in 1810. Their history is documented within the displays and exhibits found within the Metroparks Systems. This vital park system winds its way through the City of Rocky River—preserving not only the history of the land—but the land itself, as acres of nature's woodlands, teeming with native flora and fauna, abound within the City of the Rocky River. Amid its thriving parklands, Rocky River offers an array of recreational and civic amenities for all ages and groups—without compromising the natural beauty of the land.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the residents and leaders of the City of Rocky River, as they celebrate one hundred years as a viable community. We especially note the contributions of all elected officials—past and present—who have contributed to the development and preservation of this beautiful land that follows the waters of the Rocky River. Most notably, current Mayor William F. Knoble, and the late Mayor Don Umerley. The City of Rocky River serves as a significant example and importance of the successful balance between progress and preservation.

TRIBUTE TO DEIRDRE L. BAILEY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of one of Philadelphia's true rising stars, Deirdre L. Bailey. A graduate of Spelman College and Villanova University School of Law, she was a licensed attorney and a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

I first met Deirdre shortly after my joining this body. At the time, she was a senior staffer

for my good friend and constituent State Representative Dwight Evans. Her responsibilities included handling his appropriations work, with a particular eye to redeveloping the Ogontz/West Oak Lane community Mr. Evans and I are honored to represent. She was a tireless and forceful advocate for the community. Her assistance was vital to our successful efforts to win Federal funding for the Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation.

In 2002, Keystone Mercy/AmeriHealth Mercy Health Plan was able to lure her away from Pennsylvania's capitol in 2002. In her new capacity of Associate Vice President of External Affairs, Deirdre worked with my staff and those of other Members and state officials in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, South Carolina and other states to provide critically needed health insurance for low income and working people. Her knowledge of the health care delivery and insurance systems were of great value to me as I weighed the complex issues surrounding them.

Mr. Speaker, Deirdre Bailey might have been content to pursue excellence in her government and corporate careers. Instead, she choose to devote her near limitless energy to serve those less blessed. She worked with dedication and generosity for charitable causes, including the Children's Scholarship Fund, Listen Inc., and the Philadelphia Chapter Black Alliance for Educational Options. She was a contributing author on School Choice: The Option of Success, The State of Black America 2001. She also was a Fellow of the 2001 Next Generation Leadership Program of the Rockefeller Foundation and served as an advisor for the Villanova University Law School Minority Advisor Society.

She possessed all the attributes that we all admire in others. There was no limit to what she might have accomplished in this world and we are all worse off for her passing.

Mr. Speaker, Deirdre Bailey's light was extinguished on July 6th, giving her just a little more than thirty years to light our lives. Her family, friends, colleagues and community will miss her very much. But, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the condolences of the House to her family. I hope that they find comfort in the knowledge that her time on Earth was well spent and that she left the world a better place than the one she found.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY AIRBORNE RANGER SGT. TIMOTHY MICHAEL CONNEWAY OF ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I offer tribute today to a fallen American soldier in the battle to free the people of Iraq and secure the safety and liberty of Americans here on the homefront.

On June 28, while on patrol in Baghdad, Army Airborne Ranger Tim Conneway of Enterprise, Alabama lost his life. He died as the result of a terrorist attack on his vehicle, an attack which killed another Alabamian, Army Spc. Andrew Chris, age 25, of Florence.

Despite his young years, Sgt. Conneway, age 22, was no stranger to battle conditions

having been in Iraq on a previous combat assignment as well as having served twice in Afghanistan. As noted in press coverage of his funeral service Tuesday in Enterprise, Sgt. Conneway was proud to follow in the family tradition of military service like his father and grandfather before him. His brother, Army Staff Sgt. Mark Conneway noted that Tim "wanted to be a hero, and he was."

Sgt. Conneway leaves behind a wife, Catherine, and an unborn child, as well as a whole community of friends in Enterprise. I share their sadness at the loss of such a fine and dedicated young American. America was built upon and continues to be protected by the sacrifice of such heroes. We must never ever lose sight of the fact that freedom isn't free and we shall be forever indebted to patriots like Sgt. Tim Conneway.

My heartfelt condolences go out to his wife and family.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF MARIPOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S GATE PROGRAM

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of the students of Mariposa Elementary School's Gifted and Talented Education, GATE, program in Mariposa, California. For the past two years, the students involved in the GATE program have researched and photographed the historic storefronts of Mariposa. They have used their research to produce postcards that storekeepers give out free to tourists.

Not only have these students educated themselves about Mariposa, they have become stewards of the town's history. Their work ensures that the history of Mariposa will live for yet another generation, just as it has for over 150 years. The students have engaged local historians who have passed on their expertise and extensive knowledge of local history. They are even taking their project worldwide by hosting their photographs on the school's Web site. The students of Mariposa Elementary have taught us all an important lesson: to value and protect your local history.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the students of Mariposa Elementary valuing and protecting their local history.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CLARENCE R. SMITH, JR.

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Clarence R. Smith, Jr. was born on July 10, 1928 and is celebrating his 75th birthday; and

Whereas, Clarence R. Smith, Jr. is active in the Youngstown community with his work at the Diamond Steel Construction Company and through his involvement in the Boy Scouts of America, the Elks Club, the Rotary Club, and the United Methodist Church; and